



**Parent Council Meeting Minutes
November 6 2017**

1.	Welcome and Introductions		
	<p>Present: Erin Helleman –Chair Alison Hall – Co-Chair Petronela Groza - Co-Chair Donna Lange – Treasurer Vicky Gillespie- Secretary Kent Cheesman – Principal Kristy Reynolds – Vice Principal Mrs. Mayers– Teacher</p>	<p>Barb Roberts Michelle Pedneault Lisa Eveleigh Alison Metcalfe Kristy Mills Barb Hamilton</p>	<p>Dilma Escobar Cindy Poulton Lesley Macaluso Laura Cochrane Anna Maria Soares</p>
2.	<p>Minutes – E. Helleman <i>Minutes from October 2, 2017 meeting were approved – Motioned Alison Hall, 2nd Alison Metcalfe. Carried.</i></p>		
3.	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kent Cheesman began meeting presenting a short video that was shown to staff at previous staff meeting to help create an understanding, respect and empathy for children with special needs 		
4.	<p>Financial Report/Fundraising Review – D. Lange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current fundraising initiatives include Colts tickets, QSP, pizza and sub lunches - Fundraising plan for 2017/18 to be submitted to board shortly - We are exceeded fundraising goals, lots of discussion on what we will spend money on, potential to keep back some funds for future purchased of technology, explanation from Donna that her and Mary Rowe (school administrator) cooperatively draft budget plan that gets sent to the board for approval <p>It was determined that council needs to develop a strategy to better plan where the fundraising money will be used</p>		
5.	<p>ProGrant – E.Helleman, L. Eveleigh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive feedback on the wellness displays in gym during Meet the teacher night, great turn out - Magnets cost \$600.00, remaining balance (\$400.00) will go to gift cards for special guests, reading program books and literature specific to health and wellness for students - Motion for \$50.00 gift card and the remaining balance for the purchase of books Motioned: Laura Cochrane, 2nd Petronela Groza, Carried. 		

6.	<p>Elf Shelf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New members asked for and received a description of Elf Shelf event, 36 special event staff and 37 volunteers are on board this year, very well received by students, men/boy items as well as wrapping paper, tape are needed
7.	<p>Safe School Committee/Discussion – E. Helleman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura raised community safety issue with dump trucks overturning on 14th line
8.	<p>Teacher Report – Ms. Mayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers have reported a positive feedback to the addition of "Mindful Minute" at morning announcements, Erin suggested Council could purchase sensory items for classrooms. - Yoga is being offered to students during nutrition breaks

9.	<p>Principal Report –K. Cheesman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 sensory circuits have been set up throughout the school, involves 3 key areas: movement, deep pressure and deep breathing, are being used by teachers to send students who need break from class, also student initiated, has received positive feedback from teachers - Erin suggested council set up sensory bins with items. - Thank-you to council members who helped to reorganize equipment room in gymnasium, inventory was lacking and a lot of equipment should be replace, an order has been made - Additional funds may be requested from council to purchase more equipment - A snow balling area may be set up in playground for winter activities - Reports will be going home on Friday November 10th, student lead conferences next week are not mandatory but recommended - Assembly for Remembrance Day on Friday, all are welcome to attend - A council member commented the annoyance of not knowing in advance when school picture retake day was, Mr. Cheesman will look into changing that for next year - Barrie Colt ticket day is the same day as Light Up Night in Cookstown, the school did not have a choice of night for hockey
10.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Erin suggested that there was a growing concern about the mass amounts of kids who try out for sports teams and only a handful get picked to join the team, Mr. Cheesman commented that there is talk of having intramurals only (during school hours) for intermediate aged students – Mrs. Gibbs is meeting with a team of staff to see if OELC students could run recess programs for younger students with staff to supervise – Mr. Cheesman suggested that a hockey team for the school is not a good idea because it's hard to fund, expensive ice times, large differences in skill level of players who try out, hard to find qualified teachers to coach – Candelore trip for grade 7 students was a huge success – Breakfast club was visited by a health inspector, has not met 4 out of 5 requirements for health and safety, will continue as normal until they hear otherwise to do so
11.	<p>Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm by Alison Hall, 2nd by Petronela Groza. Carried. Next meeting December 4th